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BENNINGTON BRIEFS
News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

R. S. Drysdale is in New York on business.
Russell Dunn is confined to the house by illness.
Leo Walsh of Pittsford is visiting relatives in town.
Frank Haynes of Hoosick Falls visited in town Tuesday.
A. B. Oatman returned Tuesday from a visit in Boston.
Bert Taylor of Troy is visiting his mother, Mrs. George Phelps.
Mrs. Frank Carrigan of Putnam is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John McCue.
Deputy Sheriff F. A. Wilson of North Pownal was in town Tuesday.
Miss Frances Ryan, who has been visiting in Rutland, has returned home.
Billie Hittche in a single reel comedy "Poor Policy" opera house today. One long laugh. Adv.
Miss Nellie Scanlan has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Walter Slocum of Pittsford.
J. C. Killen, who has been a guest at the home of C. N. Powers, has returned to New York city.
The illustrious actor Edgar Selwyn is featured to advantage in the 2 act Paramount feature at the Liberty Theatre today. Adv.
Lois Weber and Philip Soudley in a five-part morality play "Scandal" by Lois Weber, author of "Hypocrites," opera house tomorrow. Adv.
The daughters of Isabella will give a card party in Knights of Columbus hall Thursday evening, Sept. 16.

William Garwood and Violet Moss are in a three-part drama of the stage, "Driven by Fate," opera house today. Adv.
While Miss Irene Post is on her vacation supplies may be obtained of Mrs. Percy, 110 Valentine street between 9 and 12 a. m. Adv.
Mrs. R. M. Paddock is entertaining the Home and Foreign Missionary society of the First Baptist church this afternoon at her home on Imperial ave.

Harold B. Kelly, aged three years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kelly of Gate street, died Thursday. The body will be taken to Granville Thursday for burial.
Walfrid Wahlquist, who has been passing a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wahlquist, has returned to Pelham academy at Rehoboth, Me.

The Ladies Aid society of the Second Congregational church will hold a food sale at the church parlors Saturday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock. Ladies furnishing food will kindly bring the same to the church not later than quarter before two.

On Memorial day James J. Nevils of School street planted two potato sprouts each about a inches long. On September 15 harvested his "crop" which consisted of eight potatoes of which the combined weight was three pounds. The largest tuber weighed 19 ounces and the smallest two ounces.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Meyer entertained Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Turner of North Bennington, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph S. Brown of Manchester Center and Rev. and Mrs. A. Aubert and family of Wallingford at the Baptist parsonage on Monday. The party motored here in Mr. Aubert's car, returning in the evening.
Some time Tuesday night one of the lights of a car in the window facing the alley in the Ash-Satter store on Main street was broken and several cans of preserves which Mrs. Satter had put up on an oil stove in the rear of the store were taken. While the thieves were taking the fruit through the opening in the glass, one of the cans were broken. The crash of breaking glass probably frightened the thieves and prevented them from effecting an entrance into the store.

Henry Potter of Greenwich is visiting relatives here this week.
Deputy H. Lincoln is in attendance at the Manchester fair this week.
Farmers are filling their silos this week. Corn about an average crop.
Becroft and Hogan of Troy bought cattle of several of our farmers here Monday.
Several from here are attending the Battenkill Valley fair at Manchester this week.
Mrs. Abi Smith has returned from a week's visit with the family of Dr. Reed at Moriah Center, N. Y.
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SHAFTSBURY VALLEY

Mrs. C. Jensen is entertaining friends from Albany.
Clyde Fuller was in Bennington on business Saturday.
Mrs. John Bennett has returned home after a visit in Troy.
Chris Jensen and family spent the day in Bennington recently.
F. W. Fuller and family visited the fair at Rutland Thursday, also marble quarries at West Rutland.
Miss Anna Coderre was a North Bennington visitor Sunday.
The Stevens families of Hoosick were pleasure seekers in the place recently.
Miss Susie Lake, who has been camping at Hodges Lake has returned home.
School opened last week at Briggs Corners with Miss Cora Potter of Center White Creek, teacher.

The selection are building a concrete bridge near Frank Boupion's saw mill. A long and needed improvement.
Mr. and Mrs. Newell Bennett and Miss Margaret Hyde called on friends in the Valley Saturday. Mr. Bennett was on an auto demonstrating trip.
Mrs. Fred Peters is entertaining her father, who surprised her Sunday. She had not seen him since she was 14 years of age, but the lapse of time had not changed the parties, for recognition was instantaneous and the reunion was a happy one. He had been traveling for several years, had been in California, etc.

One of the worst electrical storms that ever visited this vicinity occurred Monday evening from 8:30 to 10 p. m. Increasingly rain fell in torrents and soon the streams overflowed their banks. During the storm lightning struck a barn belonging to Frank Fuller burning with contents to the ground. Four distinct fires at one time were plainly discernible from valley.

The many friends of Mrs. Edward White in this vicinity are grieved to hear of her serious illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Bennett in White Creek. Mrs. White was a former resident of the Jermain Hill farm, but now residing in North Bennington, had been ailing for a few weeks and came to her daughters to recuperate, but was taken worse. Dr. Wilson of Hoosick Falls is the attending physician with Dr. Gordinier of Troy and consultation.

Everett Steele of Cambridge was in town Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Randall of Sunderland were in town Sunday.
Charles Hayes of Manchester was calling on friends Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Mears attended the fair at Rutland Wednesday.
N. J. Woodcock and family of Cambridge were at their daughters, Mrs. Harold Bentley's Sunday.
C. D. Bentley, Frank Bentley and Robert Simpson spent two days at the Rutland fair.

SANDGATE

Mrs. Andrew Turner and grandson of Manchester is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nellie Stickle.
An ice cream social will be held at the church on Tuesday night, Sept. 21. Every one invited.
R. J. Dewey is somewhat improved in health and is to spend some time with his sister in West Hebron.

SHAFTSBURY

Several from here attended the fair at Rutland last week.
Miss Lois Youngs has entered the North Bennington high school.
Misses Bessie and May Kent and Hopkins Hulet have entered the Bennington high school.
Miss Sarah Hart of Bennington is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hart.
Miss Gratia Peck, who has been spending the summer months at the home of her parents, has returned.
Mr. and Mrs. William Strong and granddaughter, Ruth Parnum spent several days recently in Cambridge.
Burt Hulet, Miss Hulet, Marjory Randall, Prudence Hulet, Horace Hulet and Forrest Hulet have returned to the North Bennington high school.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Harrington, who have resided on their farm 44 years, expect to move Thursday to South Shaftsbury and have rented Fred Montomery's house. Mr. Harrington was 79 years old last Sunday and in poor health and has leased his farm to Archibald Olin.

BRITISH WAR CASUALTIES

381,983 Officers and Men Killed, Wounded or Missing.
London, Sept. 14.—Official announcement was made today in the House of Commons that the total of British war casualties up to August 21 was 381,983 officers and men killed wounded or missing.

GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY

Henry Harrington was in Bennington with farm produce Saturday.
Harold Harrington's team is drawing ferns to Bennington for shipment.
George Dunn and Mrs. Eddie Mattison were in Bennington Saturday shopping. Mr. Dunn thinks there were great bargains on peaches and tomatoes.

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Miss Edna Burroughs returned to her school work in Wilbraham, Mass., last week.
Dr. Charles R. Seymour returned to Mt. Vernon, N. Y., last week after spending two months here.
D. C. Grant of New York is spending his vacation in town with Mrs. Grant at their home here.
Mrs. F. G. Wyman spent a part of last week in Londonderry with relatives and attended the fair.
O. L. and Lee Hewes of Arlington are in town cutting the hay and oats on O. L. Hewes' George Russell farm.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. V. Quackenbush closed their house here last week and returned to Hoosick Falls, having spent a month here.

Miss Julia Lakin of Waterville, Me. is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Russell. Miss Adelaide, who has spent several months here, has returned.
Dr. L. W. Crane and family of Elizabethtown, N. J., who have occupied Mrs. Grant's cottage for the past two months, have returned to their home.
Carl and Julius Westine of Londonderry are working for D. K. Millington who is making extensive repairs and additions to his house in the village.

M. J. Hapgood had the honor of addressing the West River Valley Fair last Friday and made a special point of the farms offered rent free in this region to desirable parties.
Malcolm Lord has closed their house here and returned to his home in Montclair, with his sister, Mrs. K. A. Cosma. Mr. Lord has spent two years here and we shall miss him.

Schools in town began last week. Mrs. Lucy Davis of Londonderry teaching in the village and Mrs. Fred Wolcott in the north school. Supt. Michaels was in town on Wednesday.
B. F. Williams cut his foot very badly on Tuesday of last week while at work on the state road. Dr. Millington was called and dressed the foot which is doing as well as can be expected, but Mr. Williams will be housed for some time.

Congregational church, Rev. Stephen S. Wood, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sermon, "A Great Man's Choice." Sunday school at the close of the morning service. There were 55 present last Sunday, which is pretty good for "Little Peru." Christian Endeavor on Sunday evening at 7:45. Subject, "World's Ideals, and how Foreign Missions will promote them." Leader, Mrs. Stephen S. Wood. Church Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:45, subject, "The White Stone." Christian Endeavor ice cream social Friday evening on the parsonage lawn. Two new members were added to our little church last Sunday which makes thirteen during the present pastorate of fourteen months. Several others have expressed a desire to join in the near future.

MANCHESTER DEPOT

In many of the fields complaint is that potatoes are rotting badly.
Miss Edith Bourne and Mrs. Harold Taylor spent Tuesday in Bennington. About forty men in the employ of the Rich Lumber Co. are laid off for two months.
Misses Joale Godette and Hazel Crossman report a very pleasant visit in Rutland at the fair last week.
Lester Karam has returned from a visit among friends in Massachusetts.

IMPROVEMENT ASS'N

(Continued)

Towns will be made on the two following principles: First, that it is best so far as possible to scatter the campaigns over the entire County and not to group them in one section of the County. Secondly, that it is best to go first to the towns where the citizens themselves are most desirous of the work and where they are most ready to co-operate.

MANCHESTER DEPOT

Any group of citizens from any part of the County may request assistance from the County Association in conducting a campaign and the County Association will respond as soon as it may be possible in keeping with the two principles stated above. It is the purpose of the Association to cover the entire County as rapidly as possible.

THE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM AND WHAT THE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION IS DOING IN THIS LINE.

The Agricultural Problem in Bennington County may be considered from four standpoints, namely, soil, crops, livestock and people. Giving these briefly, the soil problem consists of addition of lime and humus, as well as better drainage and fertilizing. The crop problem is perhaps more complex than those in connection with the soil. Better varieties of corn and oats are needed, better meadow and pasture management are required also. It must be remembered that in considering these problems Bennington County is taken as a whole; there are of course many individual farms where these problems have been solved. In connection with livestock there are several things to be desired. In the first place better individuals of the different classes, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, are needed. More sheep should be kept on our farms not only to clean up the pastures, but also to furnish wool and mutton at a substantial profit. In dairying records of production should be kept more than at present, that dairy farmers may be able to obtain more than a new dollar for an old one.

It goes without saying that the most important problem has to do with the farmer himself, the human being is of more consequence than those things with which he works. One important requisite in this county is effective organizations of farmers. The problems of rural life are most efficiently handled thus.

SUNDERLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Stannard Wilcox and Mrs. S. J. Randall spent Sunday in Sandgate.
Rev. John Robinson and sister of East Arlington were calling in town Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Randall, Stannard Wilcox and wife and Mr. Martin Mears attended the Rutland fair last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Worthington Cornell of Malden, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bentley Sunday and Monday. The Cornell party are en route for Burlington, making the trip in their Hudson automobile.

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a few of the problems each year. Every season some one thing is emphasized. Following is a brief resume of the work.
Soils.—Over 200 soil samples were tested for acidity last year and advice in connection with lime application given. Lime has been applied on at least ten one-acre plots for the purpose of demonstration. Other soil problems have been touched as they arose, many suggestions being made by the County Agent in this connection.
Crops.—Improved methods of growing oats and corn were demonstrated last year. The work with oats gave good results, an average increase of nearly 10 bushels per acre being secured on 20 plots. The work with corn did not prove as well, although where directions were followed good results were obtained. One demonstrator reported a 50 per cent increase in yield on his demonstration acre as compared with that on his check plot. It is hardly necessary to state that many questions were answered and suggestions made concerning crop management.
Livestock.—The work with livestock has not as yet been emphasized. It is planned to engage in this phase of the work considerably more the coming year. The first work to be taken up is the keeping of dairy production records. This work will start in September with 10 demonstration farms in different parts of the County.
People.—Two extension schools have been held, one in West Rupert and one at Bennington. The West Rupert School had a woman's section in which instruction was given in various branches of housekeeping and home-making. These schools lasted five days, and the agricultural sections gave many suggestions of value to farmers. It is planned to hold two extension schools the coming year.
In cooperation with the State Agricultural Extension Service eight

NOTICE!

To the Tax Payers of the Bennington Graded School District:
A Rate Bill has been placed in my hands for collection as follows:
90 cents on the dollar on the Grand List of 1915.
I hereby demand payment of said taxes, and notify you that I will attend at the Bennington County Savings Bank from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.
There will be a discount of 4 per cent. on above tax if paid within 90 days.
C. H. DEWEY, Treasurer.
Bennington, Vt., July 15, 1915.

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To the Tax Payers of the Town of Bennington:
A Rate Bill of the Town Taxes of 1915 has been placed in my hands for collection as follows: 80 cents on the dollar for the Town Tax, 20 cents on the dollar for the Town Highway Tax, 45 cents on the dollar for the Town District School Tax.
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There will be a discount of 4 per cent. on Town tax if paid within 90 days.
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